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1. a. Objects No. 1, 8 and 12 of the Wismuth Corporation in JOHANN-GEORGENSTADT. Object No. 1 is the mining object. The other two are construction objects.

b. Object No. 1 comprised the mines No. 1, 22, 31 thru 37 and the "Lorenz" Mine.

c. Manager of Mine No. 1: 1st Lt. BYDSHKOV.

German manager: Mine foreman HAHN.

d. Three shifts of 300 men each worked in Mine No. 1. The daily output was about 40 boxes. The ore occurrences were richer than in SCHNEEBORG.

August 1948

2. a. In the middle of August 1948 the "Graupner" Firm was ordered to build a large garage in JOHANN-GEORGENSTADT for three hundred trucks. The needed labor was drafted for this construction.

b. The produced uranium ores were shipped to PECHTELSGRUEN (N 51/K 33).

3. a. Mine No. 3 located at the highway to WITTIGSTHAL (N 51/K 51) was identified.

b. Work force: 1,800 men working in three shifts.

c. The mined material was located with search instruments and sorted by hand. *REASON DESTROY* *library* 22 JAN 1951

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4. a. Object No. 12 of the Wismuth Corporation.
- b. This object comprises the following mines (list not complete):
- (1) "Frisch-Glueck I", old mine. 230 to 250 men were employed in three shifts each. Output: 2.8 tons per shift.
  - (2) "Neues Deutschland"
  - (3) "Frisch-Glueck II" in JOHANN-GEORGENSTADT. In operation since 18 August 1948.  
Managing engineer: KOTOFF  
127 men were employed in each of the three shifts.  
Output: Two tons per shift.
  - (4) "Schacht 125" near the border.  
Manager: 2d Lt. NOVIKOV.  
45 men were employed in each of the three shifts.  
Output: 2.3 tons per shift.
  - (5) "Schacht 126"  
45 men were employed in each of the three shifts.  
Output: 3.2 tons per shift.
- c. Object No. 1 of the Wismuth Corporation.
- d. This object comprises the following mines (list not complete):
- "Schacht 60"
  - Manager: Major BORASOV.  
120 men were employed in each of the three shifts.
- e. Washing plant at the "Frisch-Glueck I" Mine.
- f. The work force figures refer to underground work. Two shifts were assigned to mining operations. The third shift, generally somewhat smaller in number, was assigned to construction work.

May to September 1948

5. a. The following mines were identified:
- (a) "Bruder Lorenz" mine.  
A washing plant started operation in August 1948.
- (b) "Schacht" 60".
- b. The produced ores were shipped to the OBERSCILIMA (N 51/K 43) "Blaufarbenfabrik".

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6. a. "Schacht 31 bis" mine located between the railroad station and JOHANN-GEORGENSTADT.  
b. Work force: 30 men in each of the three shifts.  
c. Daily output: 150 boxes totaling 4.5 tons of ore. The ores were shipped to the OBERSCHEID Blaufarbenwerk.  
d. The mine was considered of average value.

Middle of April 1949

7. Total work force of the "Frisch-Glueck" mine about six thousand men.

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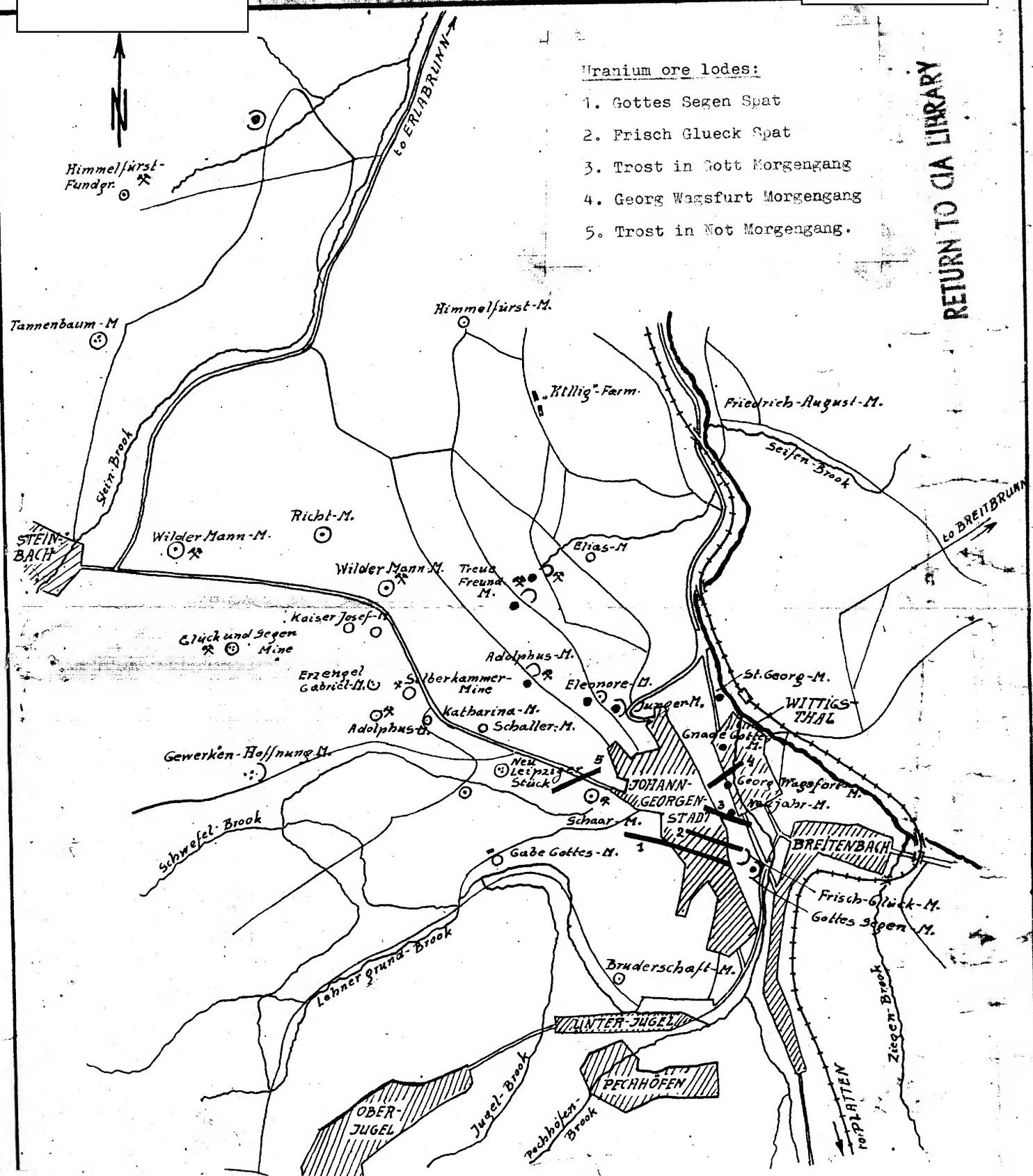
- a. The uranium ore district of JOHANN-GEORGENSTADT was one of the first districts of the Saxon ore-mining area where the Soviets started mining operations. This is a continuation of the Czechoslovakian uranium district.  
b. First pitch blende mined for uranium production was found in the "Georg-WAGENFELT" mine located near WILIGSTHAL. At present the most productive uranium mines of this district, including the "Frisch-Mueck" mine, are located between WILIGSTHAL/BASITENBACH and JOHANN-GEORGENSTADT.  
c. The attached chart showing all the mines existing up to 1944

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- d. When the Bismuth Corporation started mining operation in JOHANN-GEORGENSTADT the objects No. 1, 12, 51 and 98 were established. Either the number or the locality of object no. 8 mentioned in para 1, a is incorrect as this object was reported to be located in JAHLENBRUNN.

- e. The present work force of all objects in JOHANN-GEORGENSTADT may total eight to ten thousand men. The production figures are not known.

1 Annex:



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